

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

To all potential Sub-Grantees

As you probably are aware, the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance has been awaiting the signing of a bill which would combine the Byrne and LLEBG grants and result in significant budget cuts for our office. When we attended the Western BJA Conference in Portland the end of November, we were told that it has finally happened. We have very few details at this time but we do expect some significant changes to come about as a result of the passage of this bill.

Therefore, we anticipate a delay in our application process this year. Until we have the regulations regarding the new "Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant" Program, we cannot prepare the applications. A few points in the bill are:

- There will only be six purpose areas but they will cover a broad range of programs:
  1. Law enforcement programs
  2. Prosecution and court programs
  3. Prevention and education programs
  4. Corrections and community corrections programs
  5. Drug treatment programs
  6. Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- There may be a change in the match or match process
- A greater emphasis will be placed on reporting procedures
- The four-year rule will be abolished (programs may apply for grants beyond four years but must still reapply every year)
- Mandatory set-asides are eliminated

We will keep you posted when we have more information. Please check our web page (<http://www.ocj.nv.go>) regularly for additional information.